

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Brian Hoven, on January 31, 2017 at 3:05 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Brian Hoven, Chair (R)
Sen. Nels Swandal, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 82, 1/27/2017; HB 91, 1/27/2017; SB 157, 1/27/2017

Executive Action: SB 55 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
SB 73 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

00:00:01 Chair Hoven

HEARING ON HB 82

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:10 Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 82, Update vertebrate pest management laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:37 Cort Jensen, attorney, Montana Department of Agriculture (DOA)

00:02:53 Sen. Osmundson entered the meeting.

00:03:13 Sen. Caferro entered the meeting.

00:03:33 Sen. Lang entered the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:15 Sen. Sands
00:06:37 Mr. Jensen, DOA
00:07:15 Sen. Sands
00:07:30 Chairman Hoven
00:07:49 Mr. Jensen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:06 Rep. Bachmeier
00:08:33 Chairman Hoven

HEARING ON HB 91

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:50 Rep. Gordon Pierson (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 91, Revise food safety laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:30 Cort Jensen, attorney, Montana Department of Agriculture (DOA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:20 Sen. Osmundson
00:13:40 Mr. Jensen, DOA
00:13:48 Sen. Osmundson
00:13:56 Mr. Jensen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:21 Rep. Pierson

HEARING ON SB 157

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:59 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 157, Extend milk regulations to hooved mammals.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:16 Sue Brown, farmer, Amaltheia Organic Dairy (AOD)
00:17:00 Chelcie Cargill, director, State Affairs, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:17:32 Sen. Olszewski entered the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:47 Sen. Moore
00:19:02 Ms. Cargill, MFBF
00:19:45 Sen. Moore
00:19:55 Ms. Cargill
00:20:45 Sen. Sands

00:20:57 Sen. Moore left the meeting.

00:21:11 Sen. Cohenour
00:22:01 Sen. Caferro
00:22:19 Ms. Brown, AOD
00:23:25 Sen. Caferro
00:23:49 Ms. Brown
00:24:45 Sen. Salomon
00:25:34 Ms. Cargill
00:26:18 Sen. Salomon
00:26:32 Ms. Cargill

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:24 Sen. Cohenour

Committee Business

00:28:45 Chairman Hoven

00:29:03 Sen. Swandal

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 55

00:29:32 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **SB 55 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:29:54 Sen. Salomon

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00:30:40 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **SB 55 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:30:53 Sue O'Connell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division

00:31:41 Sen. Osmundson

00:32:27 Sen. Salomon

00:34:02 Sen. Osmundson

00:34:26 Sen. Salomon

00:34:32 Cort Jensen, attorney, Montana Department of Agriculture (DOA)

00:36:34 Sen. Osmundson

00:36:47 Mr. Jensen, DOA

00:37:07 Libbi Lovshin, administrator, Central Services Division, Montana Department of Agriculture (DOA)

00:37:39 Sen. Osmundson

00:38:06 Ms. Lovshin, DOA

00:38:39 Sen. Lang

00:38:54 Mr. Jensen

00:39:11 Donna Rice, bureau chief, Agriculture Services Bureau, Montana Department of Agriculture (DOA)

00:40:51 Sen. Lang

00:41:06 Ms. Rice, DOA

00:41:29 Sen. Lang

00:42:03 Ms. Rice

00:42:47 Sen. Sands

00:43:36 Mr. Jensen

00:44:24 Ms. Rice

00:47:27 Sen. Sands

00:48:03 Ms. Rice

00:48:30 Sen. Sands

00:49:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Lang, Sen. Moore and Sen. Olszewski voting no. Sen. Moore voted by proxy.

00:49:53 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **SB 55 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:50:01 Sen. Sands
00:50:23 Sen. Salomon
00:51:18 Sen. Lang
00:52:53 Sen. Osmundson
00:54:16 Sen. MacDonald
00:56:30 Sen. Sands
00:57:05 Sen. Salomon

00:59:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Lang, Sen. Moore, Sen. Osmundson and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. Moore voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 73

01:00:16 **Motion:** Sen. Swandal moved that **SB 73 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:00:23 Chairman Hoven

01:01:02 **Motion:** Sen. Swandal moved that **SB 73 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(ags22a02\)](#)

Discussion:

01:01:20 Sue O'Connell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division

01:02:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Moore voted by proxy.

01:02:16 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Swandal moved that **SB 73 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Moore voted by proxy.

01:02:59 Chairman Hoven

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:08 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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